

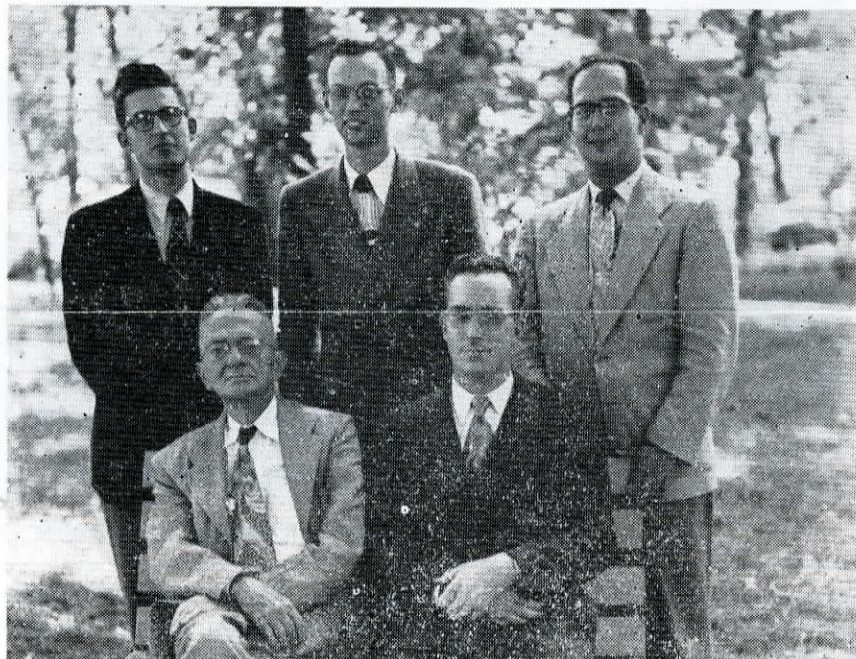
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BRYAN NAMES LIBRARY FOR IRONSIDE



New teachers at Bryan this year are, left to right: seated—Dr. William Cook Zellers and Kermit Zopfi; and standing—R. Rice Nutting, Roger Walkwitz, and Gerald L. Woughter.

Trustees Discuss Problems, Formulate Plans At Fall Meeting; Set Aside Day of Prayer

To consider current problems and to formulate plans for the future, the university board of trustees met on Bryan Hill September 28.

In view of the present spiritual

WOUGHTER GETS POSITION IN MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Gerald Louis Woughter of Binghamton, New York, was added to the Bryan University faculty shortly before the present term began. Mr. Woughter, who is assistant professor of music, is instructor in private voice and teacher of several music classes. He also directs the University A Cappella Choir and the Dayton Community Band.

Mr. Woughter received his B.M. from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, in 1949, and his M.M. from the same college in 1950. Before accepting his position at Bryan, Mr. Woughter was private voice instructor and music teacher at Houghton College.

and financial needs of the university, the board proposed that a day be set aside for prayer for both the students and friends of the university. The day selected was October 17, on which classes were dismissed so that the entire day might be spent in meditation and prayer.

With an eye to the future, the trustees authorized President Judson A. Rudd to obtain a mortgage loan or to issue mortgage bonds up to \$200,000 to take care of the present short term loans, to supplement building fund gifts, and to assure the completion of the entire administration building by the time school opens in the fall of 1952.

Other matters acted upon were the resignation of the Rev. J. B. Thornton, who has served on the board for the past 16 years, and the nomination of new trustees.

Leaders Establish Memorial to Honor Former Trustee

In honor of the late Dr. H. A. Ironside of Chicago, the new Bryan University library will be named after the noted Bible teacher, who was for many years a member of the university's board of trustees.

Decision to establish the "H. A. Ironside Memorial Library" came as a result of action taken by the trustees after permission for the project had been received from Mrs. H. A. Ironside, of Thomaston, Georgia, widow of the noted Christian leader.

After consultation with the leading library bureau in the country, the Bryan trustees authorized setting aside the south wing of the main floor of the Memorial Building for the Ironside library. Later, as the university grows in size, the same section at the south end of the second floor may be added to the library space, according to President Rudd.

Already nearly 1,000 volumes from Dr. Ironside's personal library have been added to the university's library and are now being circulated. These, with the other volumes

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ENROLLMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH OF 247

Total enrollment for the fall quarter reached 247 to make the largest student body in the history of Bryan University. According to Miss Lois Weyhe, registrar, there are 91 freshmen, 75 sophomores, 38 juniors, 33 seniors, and 10 special students.

Twenty-six states and four foreign countries—Canada, Argentina, China, and French Equatorial Africa—are represented in the student body.

The states in order of their representation are as follows: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, Michigan, Florida, Wisconsin, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri, Minnesota, Kentucky, Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, Colorado, Alabama, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, California, Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

From My Heart to You

I am reminded by the opening of another school year that it was twenty years ago that Mrs. Rudd and I came to William Jennings Bryan University. We would have hesitated to come had we known of the testings and trials that would be our lot; but we are profoundly grateful as we look back on all the blessings that have been ours because we followed God's leading.

Among God's choicest blessings here has been the fellowship with some of the Lord's most precious saints whom we would not have known had we not made that decision twenty years ago. I can truthfully say that it has been worth far more than all the sacrifices and trials just to know Pastor J. B. Thornton. He is a man of God, rich in spiritual wisdom as a result of twenty-five years' experience as a missionary and an even longer experience as the pastor of Hope Congregational Church in St. Louis.

In presenting his resignation as a trustee of the university, I read two of Brother Thornton's letters to the board in a recent meeting. The trustees were so deeply moved by his testimony that they asked me to share his letters with the readers of *NEWSLETTE*. I am glad to do this because it will help our friends to better understand how real the fellowship with Christ is in the lives of such men of God.

"My Beloved Brother:

You have been daily in my prayers for I have realized how great have been your burdens through every day. While I am sure your heart is glad over the progress made on the Hill, still I know the load must have been, and still is, very great.

I am deeply grateful to our Lord for the blessed fellowship you and I have had over the years. How rich I am in the love of Christ and his dear people! This is very real to me, now that I can no longer get about outside. My left leg is quite undependable. It is palsy in that member. As for the rest of me I am quite well and can get about the house, and with artificial and human help, can walk. And as my right leg is still good I can drive the car when I get into it.

But frankly, all this means very, very little to me. 'Bound but yet free.' I have never known the peace, joy and victory that is now mine. I used to preach about Paul's affliction and how he gloried in it and only prayed three times it might be removed—and how he knew the grace of the Lord Jesus for it. Yes, I preached about it—now I know something—yes more than I ever knew—about what that grace really means. And like Him, I can speak of 'my peace' and 'my joy' as never before. And oh, what His Presence does mean! As David said, 'My meditation of Him is sweet.' . . .

I will miss not seeing Bryan again and the sweetness of my days with you and the brethren—but not too much. True fellowship in Christ is like love—it can never be extinguished. Floods cannot drown it; and circumstances and even death only interrupt it for a time, because it is eternal.

As ever yours,
J. B. Thornton"

"To the Board of Trustees of
Bryan University
Beloved Brethren:

After twenty years of fellowship and delightful service at Bryan, I find it necessary because of physical infirmity to request that you accept my resignation from the board of trustees—a position I have held with deep appreciation . . .

Be fully persuaded that the all essential



STUDENT BODY, ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, BOOKSTORE

and constant need of Bryan, far beyond buildings, equipment or worldly recognition, is Christ Jesus. Not only as 'above all' but 'under all' and 'in all'; for He is All and in All.

So in the words of another man who 'stepped aside'—'moreover as for me God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you'—and Bryan.

Finally, to you who have great responsibility, I give you the words of Hudson Taylor: 'God's work done in God's way and time will have God's support.'

Yours because Christ's,
J. B. Thornton."

When most of our friends receive this issue of *NEWSLETTE* we will be in the midst of our Twenty-first Annual Bible Conference. We ask each one of you to pray that all of our students, as well as staff members, will profit richly as our conference speakers minister the Word.

JUDSON A. RUDD, President

CHAPEL PROGRAMS FEATURE NOTED BIBLE LECTURERS

The Rev. R. I. Humbert, noted Bible chart lecturer and author, will be the speaker at the daily chapel session in the Bryan Memorial Chapel November 10. Mr. Humbert, whose home is in Flora, Indiana, publishes Christian books through his own book depot.

October chapel speakers included the Rev. William L. Thompson, home director of the Latin American Mission, Inc., the Rev. Fred J. Meldau, editor of *Christian Victory*, and Dr. Robert L. Evans, Bible conference speaker and lecturer.

SOUTH ROOF COMPLETED; CONCESSIONS REMODELED; BOOKSTORE EXPANDED

Although much of the recent construction work on the administration building has been concentrated on finishing smaller areas, several noticeable steps have been made toward the completion of the building. During the latter part of September, the roof on the south section was completed and work on the inside partitions begun. The second floor slab for the center or tower section, together with the concrete columns to support the third floor, was poured soon after the opening of school.

To offer the students better and more efficient service, the university bookstore was moved to what is expected to be its permanent location near the center of the building on the ground floor. Much more room is available for purposes of both display and storage. Although the junior concessions stand is at its same location, it has been completely remodeled. The stand, which handles soft drinks, candy, ice cream, and other "between-meal foods" is operated on a volunteer basis by the members of the junior class as a help in financing the university yearbook, *The Commoner*, a traditional junior class project.



ND STAFF OF BRYAN UNIVERSITY FOR 1951-52

IRONSIDE LIBRARY

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in the present library, will be transferred to the new location, probably by the late summer of 1952, when

HOME MEETS BEGIN CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON

"Okay boys, stretch 'em out a little, only three miles to go," says Coach Roger Walkwitz. Yes, the time of year has come when Bryan's big, husky men suddenly go lame. It's cross-country time at the university.

Several of last year's distance aces are back again; namely, Randy Maycumber, Dick Malone, Dean Koontz, and Don Walker. Along with these are a few newcomers who are trying their best to step on the heels of the big boys. They are Charles Harrison, Stuart Meissner, Bill Lanning, Harry Goehring, and Willie Farmer.

Four meets have been scheduled and Coach Walkwitz hopes to add a few more to this list. The season started with Maryville College at Bryan October 20. Coming up is a home meet with the University of the South November 3. Following are return meets with these schools, the University of the South at Seawance November 9, and at Maryville College November 21.

it is anticipated that the entire Memorial building will be completed.

"New library equipment and improved reading rooms, as well as the increase in the number of volumes, will certainly strengthen our position in meeting the standards for full accreditation," stated D. W. Ryther, executive vice-president and dean. Librarian Robert Marston enumerated further advantages to the students in the added space which will make books more accessible and in the new location which will provide a "quiet" zone for study.

The university administration earlier had planned to locate the library in the main floor rooms on the east side of the building. The main reading room was to have been in the center of the building, with other rooms flanking it to the north and south. This arrangement was abandoned after library experts pointed out the desirability of locating the library in the south end of the structure.

Dr. Ironside, a trustee of Bryan from 1931-1951, was a frequent visitor to the university campus. He attended the June 1950 meeting of the board of trustees and many present students of the university last heard him speak at the commencement service during that visit.

SPEAKERS SCHEDULED FOR BIBLE CONFERENCE

A trio of outstanding speakers, Dr. E. Schuyler English, Dr. George Schmeiser, and Dr. A. E. Wilson, will challenge Bryan University students in the annual week-long Bible conference beginning Sunday, October 28.

A nationally known Bible teacher, Dr. English comes from Philadelphia to Bryan for the first time. He is editor of the magazines, *The Pilgrim* and *Our Hope*, and editor of the *Pilgrim Bible*.

Returning for his fifth Bible conference at Bryan University is Dr. Schmeiser, whose ministry was much appreciated by students in his previous visits. He is pastor of the Fellowship Church in Philadelphia.

Dr. Wilson is executive secretary and director of the Southern Hebrew Mission in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He spoke at the university's 1951 baccalaureate service.

With 22 sessions scheduled for the conference, a full week of spiritual refreshment awaits those attending. Two services are planned for each of the two Sundays, with the afternoon programs in the Memorial Chapel and the evening meetings in Dayton churches. During the week there will be two sessions each morning and one each evening held in the chapel.

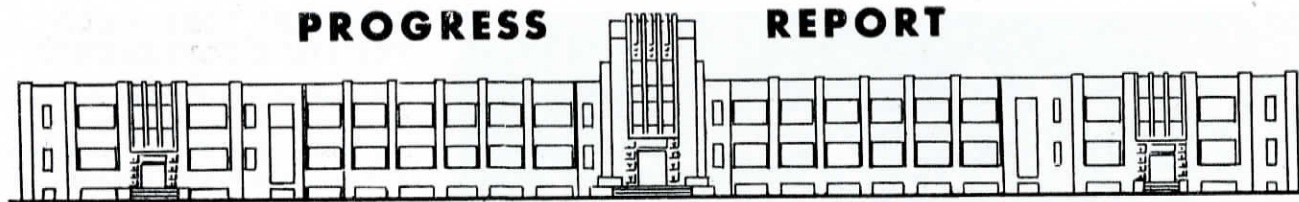
SPORTS PROGRAM GETS OFF TO FLYING START

Eager shouts, flying pigskins, and the familiar resounding smack of hand meeting ball represent to every ear the commencement of the intramural sports program on Bryan Hill.

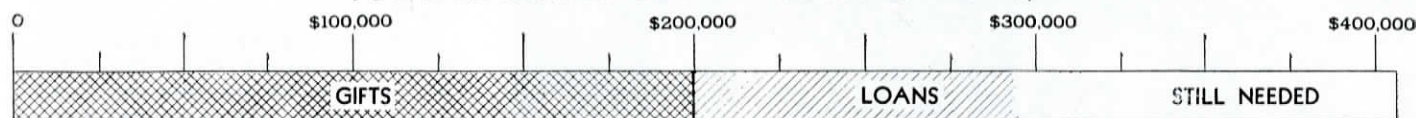
Already a steering committee has been chosen to guide the various activities of the year. Two members from each of the three upper classes have been selected to act with William D. Green, the faculty advisor. Members of the committee are: for the seniors, Paul Wyland and Joyce Cooper; for the juniors, Jerry Manuel and Rose Marie Brown; and for the sophomores, Paul Campbell and Joyce Johnson.

Roger Walkwitz, coach of the track and cross-country teams hopes to initiate an intramural achievement system based on the Amateur Athletic Union's suggested program. Certificate awards will be given to participants as they achieve the specified goals in the various fields of athletic endeavor.

PROGRESS REPORT



TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDING \$409,500



DONEHOO CHOSEN HEAD OF STUDENT COUNCIL; FROSH ELECT OFFICERS

Heading the Student Council for 1951-52 is Fred Donehoo, a junior of Atlanta, Georgia. Vice-president of the council is Shelby Johnson, sophomore of Port Arthur, Texas, and senior Lucy Williams of Newport, Kentucky, is secretary. The officers were chosen at a meeting October 2 in which two members at large, Joyann Conlan of North Street, Michigan, and Alton Witter of Columbiana, Ohio, were also selected. Both are members of the sophomore class.

Wallace Sidback, senior of Manistique, Michigan; Bessie Degerman, junior of Bemidji, Minnesota; and Lenora Gearhart, sophomore of Vinton, Virginia, complete the council. With the exception of the members

at large, the representatives were chosen by their respective classes.

At a fall meeting of the freshman class, Alva Conner of Roanoke, Virginia, was chosen president, and Earl Hamilton of Youngstown, Ohio, was made vice-president. Other officers elected were Beckv Hitchcock of Springfield, Missouri, secretary; Stuart Meissner of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, treasurer; and Robert Mashburn of Tucson, Arizona, sports captain.

Bryan's Trailerville, which this year has 29 families, recently elected Bruce Harrison of Bay Head, New Jersey, mayor for 1951-52 and Ernest Francis of Griffith, Indiana, and Francis Neddo of South Bend, Indiana, councilmen. There are 34 students in the total of 80 people living in Trailerville.

VIOLINIST GIVES CONCERT: QUARTET TO APPEAR

Longfellow once said that music is the universal language. To speak to those on Bryan Hill by means of this language came Claire Wellman, violinist, October 15.

Having made her debut at Kimball Hall and Orchestra Hall, Miss Wellman has traveled thousands of miles in the United States and Canada giving concerts. She has also appeared as a soloist with many symphony orchestras. Since the age of 12 Miss Wellman has studied under the renowned teacher, Leon Sametini.

Under the direction of Robert Lansing, the Lansing Quartet is scheduled to appear November 16. The group is composed of Fred Nesbit, Lee Davis, George Van Gorden, and Robert Lansing. Each of these artists is an opera and concert soloist in his own field.

September Financial Report

Operating	\$ 776.45
Building	5,122.19

Total September gifts\$ 5,898.64
FISCAL YEAR TOTALS

(June 1, 1951 to Oct. 1, 1951)
Operating

(Budget \$16,000)	\$ 6,665.50
Building	20,940.37

Total gifts to Oct. 1\$27,605.87

FRESHMEN ENDURE INITIATION TRIALS

With due pomp and circumstance, the freshman class of 1951 was given a hearty welcome to the Bryan campus in the form of an initiation by the sophomores October 2-4.

Proper apparel was required for all freshmen for the first day, which was entitled "Rainy Day." "Kiddie Day" was the theme October 3 as the "children" re-enacted their childhood scenes. Routed out of their bunks at 5:30 a.m., they were given ample opportunity to work up an appetite for breakfast as they pulled weeds from the tennis court, cleaned the campus, and did their morning exercises.

A parade down the main street of Dayton the last afternoon proved beneficial for the local car owners, who had their hub caps polished by the willing newcomers to Bryan Hill.

Emceed by the sophomore class, an all-freshman program climaxed the three days of initiation.

Christ Above All

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Members of the Student Council for 1951-52 are, left to right: Shelby Johnson, Wallace Sidback, Bessie Degerman, Fred Donehoo, Lenora Gearhart, Joyann Conlan, Lucy Williams, and Alton Witter.